



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 453

By Senator Finney

and

Representative Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team upon winning the 2011 Division III National Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding and gifted students of our State who bring honor to Tennessee as members of high school academic teams and act as ambassadors for our State through successful academic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Decathlon Team of Madison Academic Magnet High School recently won the 2011 Division III National Championship during competition in Charlotte, North Carolina, which is their fourth national title, having previously claimed the top prize in 2004, 2007, and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Madison Academic has compiled an unrivaled record of accomplishment in Academic Decathlon Competition, having won eight consecutive West Tennessee Regional Championships and eight consecutive Tennessee State Championships; and

WHEREAS, Academic Decathlon Competition consists of seven written tests based on a theme which changes annually, and a professional interview, essay portion and a speech category which includes both prepared and impromptu speaking; and

WHEREAS, comprised of nine-member teams that must include A, B, and C students, the Academic Decathlon Team members learn valuable skills that they will have with them always, including strong study skills, teamwork, goal setting, and discipline; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2011 National Champion Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team are: Lorna Chambers, Brennon Dempsey, Julia Faur, Evan Gray, Brandon Holley, Karson Hunt, Adalee Lube, John Lutz, Lois Oladele, Anthony Simonutti, and May Wheeler; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding group of students enjoy the leadership and dedication of a special group of coaches, namely, Don Roe, Barbara Fowler, Marilyn Kemp and Principal Janice Epperson, who help instill the program's motto of "ACE – Attitude, Character, and Effort!" into every team member; and

WHEREAS, the storied record of achievement of the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team is truly impressive and is worthy of our recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the outstanding members of the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team on their stellar competitive record, recognize their superlative academic ability, and express our appreciation for their hard work and that of their fine coaches, Don Roe, Barbara Fowler, Marilyn Kemp, and Janice Epperson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 20, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR